

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Akira OOSAWA Allowed: May 13, 2010  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated May 13, 2010. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase at least claims 1 and 22, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention.

Therefore, independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of at least claims 1 and 22.

**If Patent Term Adjustment Is More Than Zero Days**

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.”

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated May 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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